(d) The Commission normally exercises its powers under Chapter XIX-A of the Income Tax Act, 1961 for recovery of taxes in respect of cases admitted by it.

Interest on Income Tax paid after the date

2666. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: ..

(a) whether sub-section (2C) of section 245D of the income Tax Act, 1961 where the additional amount of income tax is not paid within the stipulated period of 35 days and the settlement commission has extended the time for payment the aomunt which remains unpaid or has allowed payment thereof in instalments under sub-section (2B), the assessee shall be liable to pay simple interest at 15 per cent per annum on the amount remaining unpaid from the date of expiry of the stipulated period;

(b) what is the amount of such interest earned by Government in each of the years during 1991, 1992 and 1993, alongwith the name of assessee from whom it has been earned alongwith the amount of additional tax involved in each cases;

(c) what are the reasons due to which no maximum limit for the period of extension has been fixed by Government in the Act; and

(d) what action Government propose to take for speedy collection of additional tax amount, particularly when Government are in crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The time and effort spent on collection of the required information will not be commensurate with the purpose.

(c) and (d) Since there are only a few cases, no maximum limit for extension of time has been laid down

Setting up of recovery Tribunals

2667. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: ..

(a) whether Government propose to set up recovery tribunals to help recover bad debts of the nationalised banks;

(b) if so, the total amount, as on 31st Jan, 1994 with each of the nationalised banks lying as bad doubts;

(c) whether Government propose to bring changes in the functioning of nationalised banks to avoid further bad debts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Informotion is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(c) and (d) The Public Sector Banks have been advised by RBI to introduce a comprehensive and uniform grading system to indicate the health of individual advances for the purpose of their effective monitoring and follow up and to keep a watch on the recovery of top sticky accounts. Banks have also prepared action plans to improve their working in key areas such as reduction in non-performing assets, improving profitability through effective recovery measures, concerted attention to credit apprajsal and post disbursal supervision etc.